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1. It is reported that the Holy Synod has agreed to adopt the recommendations of La Garde, French Consul General in Istanbul, in the matter of the Russian Church in Paris, and will inform Metropolitan Vladimir that henceforth this church would come under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate of the Phanar, instead of continuing under the control of Mgr. Germanos of London. This decision was taken to avoid any possibility of intervention by the French Government.

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Comments:

[REDACTED] distributed on 22 January 1947, reports that La Garde has stated that the French Government would not tolerate even nominal control of the Russian Church in Paris by Mgr. Germanos of London and that the French Government had no objections to control of the Russian Church in Paris by the Patriarchate in Istanbul.

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[REDACTED] distributed on 3 February 1947, states that Patriarch Maximos has decided that the Russian Church of Western Europe will remain under the jurisdiction of the Istanbul Patriarchate and that Metropolitan Vladimir will head the Russian Church of Western Europe.

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